# Eleven Falcons Give Blood

by Daniel J. Mulholland

On Tuesday, October 21, 1986 hospitals in New York City declared that non-emergency operations would and could not be performed because there was not enough blood in the blood banks across the city. All blood banks were on emergency reserve level, and were in desperate need of blood. In order to ease this problem, the National Honor Society, moderated by Mr. Tom, set up a small blood drive for Tuesday, Oct. 28. Ten seniors, including Student Council President Al Caches, Jack Halaby, Richard Greene, Mike Tucker, Glenn Butler, Danny Solimando, James Raffaele, Robert Leopoldi, Aaron Simm, and Robert Esposito participated. A total of eleven pints of blood was donated from Ford to Methodist Hospital.

Mr. Tom commented on this poor showing, wondering if people just do not care. About 155 students gave blood three years ago. Is this big decline because of the AIDS scare? Mr. Tom observed, "It is a proven fact that you cannot get AIDS from giving blood," It is an easy process, with only a few requirements. You must be 17 years old, weigh 110 pounds or more, and be in good health. Anyone who donates blood is given a blood bank card which provides you and your family as much blood as you need for free in case you need it for an operation.

The National Honor Society is planning to have a larger blood drive on May 1. The Greater New York Blood Bank will be setting up in the Gym, where (it is hoped) many juniors and seniors (17 and over) will donate blood during a free period. If you have any questions about giving blood, please see Mr. Tom.

### The Fun Run Revived

by Kathy Dolan

This year the National Honor Society at Bishop Ford revived the Fun-Run. The purpose of this event was to give the students a chance to get involved in a worthwhile cause and have a good time. The registration fee paid for the tee-shirts, and the remainder of the funds raised went to Ronald McDonald House. This organization helps the families of children who are in the hospital.

Although the weather was cold, spirits weren't. Several faculty members put on their running shoes and joined the students. The Run took place in Prospect Park's traffic circle. The length of this course is approximately 3½ miles. Participants were encouraged to run for as long as they

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Christmas, 1986

## Annual Halloween Party A Howl



Halloween revelers pictured above (left to right): Ross Shaw, Tod Kopez, Gaetano Castellano, Robert Leopoldi and Edward Colgan.

#### by Barbara Yacovello

On October 24, the seniors attended our 8th Annual Halloween Party. The party, organized by Doctor DeFina and the Senior Activities Committee, was a huge success. Costumes were not required but they were encouraged. The seniors who did wear costumes were imaginative and very humorous. The costumes ran the gamut of styles from rastafarians to priests, little girls to old women. Approximately

one hundred and fifty seniors joined a number of faculty members to make the evening enjoyable for all.

The evening's activities were a dance contest and a costume contest. The costume contest offered three prizes: one for best male, one for best female, and one for best group. The winner in the best male category was Frank Quattrocchi, who wore a sexy black dress, lace stockings and high heeled pumps. The winner for best

female was Jocelyn Baginski, who wore a pumpkin costume. The best group prize was awarded to Heather Bowen, Daniella Coleman, Kathy Dolan, Maria Gnerre, Jack Halaby, and Amy Purpura for their rendition of a six pack of Budweiser.

The seniors are now looking forward to their Christmas Party on December 19. Their "Senior Spirit" will continue to make future events the most successful ever.

# N.H.S. Following Full Calendar

by Joan Scotto

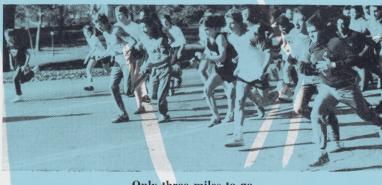
What are the plans of the National Honor Society? Well, there are a number of events coming up this year that you can be a part of.

The first event was the Fun Run. It took place on Wednesday, November 12th and began at 1:45 p.m. Many Bishop Ford students and teachers participated in this event. All donations went to Ronald Mc-Donald House. Ronald Mc-Donald House gives the parents of terminally ill children a, place to stay while their children remain in the hospital. In this way, parents can be close enough to visit their children and don't have to worry about paying hotel bills. We raised over \$300. for this cause.

On December 3rd the National Honor Society had its induction ceremony for all new members. It was a very simple ceremony in the Bishop Ford chapel. After the ceremony, families and friends of the inductees accompanied the faculty and the administration down to the cafeteria for refreshments.

Besides these three events, the National Honor Society sponsors the Blood Drive in May, helps out with the dancea-thon, and is available to tutor anyone who needs help in a specific subject area.

In conclusion, there are only a few things the National Honor Society is planning for the future. However, if anyone has any other ideas, we are open to suggestions. All you have to do is inform any NHS officer (Kathy Dolan, president; Joan Scotto, vice-president; Colleen Gowell, secretary; or Danny Mulholland treasurer).



Only three miles to go.

could, although most ended up walking. Each person unselfishly contributed to this event.

Each runner, through the students activities office, will receive a certificate. Ten plaques were donated by the student activities office to the first and second place runner, to the first boy and girl in each grade to finish.

The National Honor Society would like to thank those students and faculty members who contributed to this event. Their concern made the event possible. More importantly, it has made a difference for families who need help.

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Happy New Year!

## The Meaning Of Christmas

by Chris Mari

Christmas is a wonderful time of year. It makes a person feel truly whole. The city lights up with glory during the holidays. People scurry about buying presents for loved ones. The country is energetic and happy. But with all the commercialism and glitter, we forget the true meaning of Christmas, the birth of Christ.

With all this buying, we forget to give. We must give to the people in need. We who have been blessed by God with a little more should give to people who have less. That is the true meaning of Christmas.

Now, I'm not asking you to take all your money out of the bank and give it to your favorite charity. Just give some spare change to one of those Salvation Army fellows you find on the street corners in the city. Give some old clothes to the church to give to some deserving, needy family. You will feel so much better. The good feeling you'll have inside will be more valuable than any present you'll get this season.

I have a conviction, a conviction that on a Christmas Eve in our future, people will unite against the common foes of crime, poverty, famine, and war. And on that special Christmas Day after that Eve we will know a peace better than any we have ever known. This peace will last a millenium.

I have a conviction that all people are basically good, and we can go back to our roots and forget the greedy, commercial Christmas of today. Let's do it, not for ourselves, but for our children and our children's children.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

## Soccergate It's Not

by Glenn Butler

Ms. Summers' article "What Would Susan B. Anthony Say?" seemed to say she wanted more than equal or lenient treatment for female athletes trying out for boys' teams. Soccer is a demanding sport which requires speed and agility. If a person is not very fast or nimble, then he is in the wrong sport. Eileen Daly, the girl who tried out for the soccer team, is a very good athlete, as shown by her participation in basketball and varsity softball, but she just doesn't possess enough speed to play in a competitive soccer league.

Mr. John Dilgen is the most liberal of the coaches here at Ford and had the guts to let Ms. Daly try out for his team and judged her on her ability, not her gender. Mr. Dilgen shouldn't have to explain his roster decisions to anyone, except to the people he cut. This should be done privately and discretely. It was obvious that she didn't want any publicity by her refusal to grant an interview and by her request to Ms. Summers not to write an article. Ms. Daly happens to be a good friend of mine and she asked me to influence Ms. Summers not to write about her ordeal. I think Ms. Summers saw Eileen's situation as an opportunity to gain popularity and taken center stage, without contemplating the problems it would cause Ms. Daly.

Ms. Summers' article served its purpose to cause controversy, but was it worth the embarrassment it caused Eileen? How can anyone compare what Dr. Martin Luther King and Joan of Arc accomplished to being cut from a high school team? It is obviously a case of making something out of nothing.

Ms. Summers also questions the integrity of Mr. Nash, Coach Dilgen and the whole soccer team in the article, which I feel is totally out of line. Mr. Nash has been at Ford since its conception and is a very respected man by both his peers and those under him. I don't think it is fair that his integrity should be questioned by someone who knows nothing about soccer and whose article is backed up by only a "rumor." I had the pleasure to play under Mr. Dilgen and can honestly say there isn't a prejudiced bone in his body. He is interested in fielding the best team Bishop Ford can have, male or female. I talked wih members of the soccer team and asked whom did Ms. Summers speak to, and the unanimous answer was "Not me."

If Ms. Summers still questions the integrity of the soccer players, then how come the Editor-in-Chief of **Highpoint**, Gaetano Castellano, who also happens to be captain of the soccer team, allowed her article to be published? He could easily have scratched her article, but he didn't feel it necessary to use his position to take away her freedom of speech to "protect" the athletic program.

## Block Honors Program Gets Mixed Reviews

by Maria P. Mastromarino

Three years ago a new program was initiated, Block Honors. The program was started for those students who excel academically. The students in the program had received high co-op scores and were recommended by their grammar school teachers and principals.

The program is designed to challenge students. The students take Latin in their first year and have guest speakers and field trips, which enrich their normal studies. To remain in the program, an average of 87, with no failues, must be maintained. Students can withdraw, if they can convince the faculty that this would be more beneficial to them.

Students do enjoy the program with its advantages and disadvantages. These students in a regular course of study might become bored if the class moved too slowly, but here they can work at a rate that's comfortable for them. Since they are taking biology as freshmen, chemistry as sophomores, and physics as juniors, during their senior year they are able to take more electives in the disci

plines that interest them. Another advantage is the possibility of scholarships and being accepted by more competitive colleges. They enjoy the challenge of working harder.

When asked if they mind being with the same people every day throughout their high school years, Laurie Coleman commented that, since the year started she has made good friends within the program. An opposing view voiced by other freshmen is that it inhibits them from getting to know others in the school. Other disadvantages are that the teachers at times expect too much from them, and on occasion the homework cuts down on their activities outside school.

Mr. Miraglia, who is currently teaching this year's freshman biology, likes the fact that less discipline is required and more teaching takes place

takes place.

It is hard to believe that three years ago the program was started for the above average student. Today, for the class of 1990, it is a way of combining achievements with studies to have a rewarding and challenging experience

## 25th

Bishop Ford High School's Twenty-Fifth Anniversary will be celebrated this year with the Bishop's Mass in our chapel on **February 4** and an alumni dinner in our cafeteria on **April 4.** 

# Is The Scholastic Aptitude Test A Game?

by Joan Barrett

The scholastic aptitude test is supposedly a test to measure a person's ability to do well in college. You may ask yourself how your ability to do well on standardized tests can measure your capacity for college. The SAT is no longer the major consideration colleges base acceptance on. It has been said that the SAT will become obsolete within the next ten years.

The SAT is made up by a company called ETS. They take questions from school teachers. At first, verbal questions will be asked on the TSWE section of the exam. This is an experimental section of the verbal part that does not count towards your score. If a question works well on this section, it may appear later as an actual SAT question.

The SAT is a game. It is designed not for New Yorkers. but rather for "Joe Average," perhaps from the Midwest. In order to do well on the test, you must not fall into traps. ETS calls wrong answer choices distractors. They are there to take your attention away from the correct answer. Always, on the verbal section, look out for "psyco words," particularly in difficult questions. These are words such as failure, error, mistake, college and guess. These are put there because most students are thinking, "I'm going to fail this test anyway, so I may as well guess." These words then stand out to them when they are given as answer choices, and many people choose words like these as Psyco answers. found especially in analogy

You may be considering taking an SAT course. Well, consider a private tutor as an option. They cost anywhere from \$10 to \$35 an hour; whereas, a class costs about \$150. Tutors concentrate on your needs and review what you don't know. Classes are often boring because they basically everything given on the SAT's. Many students do not need to waste their time going over basic English and math. A private tutor will cater more to your

#### A Near-Perfect School

by Peter O'Keeffe

Bishop Ford is a near-perfect school. The faculty, teachers, and students have given much more than anyone would have expected. The faculty allow us to have any hair style we want, chew gum in class, and have a good lunch for little money. The dress code and demerit system are small prices to pay. The teachers are sensitive to their students and understand we are under pressure. They are not cold-hearted cynics who never smile or crack humorous jokes.

The students are most spectacular. We put up with work and rules, and do little fighting and ranking out. We are united, not divided, as we used to be.

The only bad thing is that during our frees we are confined to two places like prisoners. Also, we may not use walkmans. The halls are also very crowded between classes, and this makes us late. Also, some kids have the wrong attitude about things. They talk before thinking about what they will say, and that makes them voice foolish opinions, like, "Please don't tell anyone I like this show, or band, or toy." Liking cartoons or soap operas is nothing to be ashamed of, because if you are a normal person, then that makes it normal. It is bad to be afraid to let your friends know what you like. If they don't like you because of it, then they aren't your friends. They should respect and admire you, in fact, if you like something nobody else does.

### Letters To The Editor

## Sex Education

by Joan Barrett

One of the biggest issues in the media today is sex education. This is quite understandable, since there are so many varying opinions. Everything from the Phil Donahue Show to the **Tablet** is covering this topic.

The church feels that parents should play the largest part in the teaching of sex education. They think the schools should play a secondary role, stressing that sexual activities are expressions of love that should be restricted to marriage.

Many parents feel that sex education in school is the answer. Others feel it is their responsibility to teach their children. Why must it be only one way? Why can't there be a balance? If parents wish to teach their children, all right, the school teaching will then only reinforce what has already been taught. No harm done.

The government is in favor of strong sex education beginning in the lower grades. There is much controversy over the fact that nine N.Y.C. public high schools now have health clinics that distribute contraceptives as part of their program. It goes without saying that there are many objections to this. Many people think that it encourages high school students to be sexually active. This is not the idea of the program.

Rather, the program deals in reality. With the number of abortion and teen pregnancies today, it is obvious that many teens have chosen to have sex. This is their decision. By the time a student reaches high school age, he has his own set of morals in tact. For those students who choose to be sexually active, there should be contraceptives available to them to prevent unwanted pregnancies.

This problem is not disappearing while everyone disputes it. A solution needs to be found. Parents teaching their children is relatively rare. The sex education classes are good, but they're not stressed enough. High school is too late to begin teaching sex education. These new clinics, like everything else, have their good points and bad points. We seem to have tried everything else. Why not this?

## **Useless Classes?**

by Peter O'Keeffe

Here at Ford we are challenged by diverse and interesting courses. However, these and other teenaged activities leave us pressed for time. One of the things that would give us more time would be the suspension of classes such as gym, study skills, guidance, and religion.

What use will they be when we leave high school. Will they get us better jobs or into nicer colleges? No, but they do take away time when we could be sleeping, eating, traveling home, or preparing for the **important** classes here at Ford. They can even serve to bring down our average, causing us to waste time bringing it up by spending our money for summer school.

If these classes were optional and non-failable, it would be terriffic. They could even be made into clubs. But as subjects they are a boring hassle. Looking at them, you know there is a difference between useful and necessary.



#### Meals or Murder

by Maria Picardi

In 1984, shocking pictures of starving people living in Ethiopia were presented to the world via television.

The world was showered with grief. There were many efforts to relieve the suffering of these people, such as the Live Aid Concert in America and the Band Aid Concert in

Musicians joined together to record albums and make music video tapes; all of the profits were intended for the starving in Ethiopia.

Many people dug into their pockets and gave donations and purchased albums and video tapes.

As a result of these efforts, one hundred million dollars was raised.

Where the money is going is a different story.

In the October issue of Readers Digest, Dr. Rony Brauman tells the harsh truth.

The donations have been largely missused by Lt. Col. Rengistu Haile, the military dictator of Ethiopia.

Money, food and equipment intended for the starving have been hijacked by the authorities and used to pressure the anti-Communist people of the nation.

Like bait in a trap, donated food is being used to lure the starving from their villages into deportation centers. From there they are hurded away at gunpoint to forced labor camps. Eventually the people die there.

You may ask yourself how our charity representatives were fooled by their Ethiopian contacts. Each time a representative visited the camps he was taken on guided tours. The representative only saw what the guards wanted him to see. Each time the scenaro was the same: the trucks got through and the sacks of grain were plentiful. When the representative left, the distribution of food and supplies failed

Dr. Brauman recalls an incident in which members of the Ethiopian army approached doctors working with the starving. He said that the soldiers ordered them to leave the country. When they refused, the soldiers ransacked their tents and used physical violence to force them out. Dr. Brauman's feelings on the situation: "I'm convinced that it is morally wrong for us to assist the Communists' murderous policy."

I agree with Dr. Brauman's position. How can we supply aid to a country that uses our generosity to kill its own people? Just think of all the hopes and expectations of the people who gave unselfishly and without hesitation to feed the starving.

All of our efforts have been destroyed by the Communist government of Ethiopia. I believe that it is time for Ethiopia to save its own people. It must no longer be taken advan-



Congratulations to Richard McManus, Richella Fabian and Larry Callaghan, pictured above with our principal, Brother Michel Bettigole, O.S.F., who were ranked scholastically first in the junior, freshman and sophomore classes last year.

## Thespians Can't Wait

by Tina Marie Pagano

The time has come once again for the talented young members of the drama club to come together to form a group of talented, hardworking and dedicated people.

They work hard for about two months, until December rolls around and it's time for their spectacular production.

This winter's production was "Heaven Can Wait." As always, we have our veterans and newcomers.

The director of this production is Mr. Joseph Mingrone. Mr. Mingrone is always proud of the students performing because he knows they have worked hard.

The veterans of the club are seniors James Mogavero, Kevin Manino, Maria Summers, Nancy Rendiero, Maria Picardi, Kirk Carlson; juniors Larry J. Callaghan, Tina Pagano plaud the tech crew.

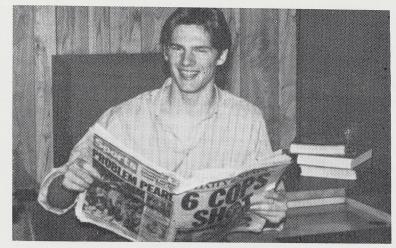
(assistant director); and sophomore John Guerrero.

The newcomers to the club are seniors Vito Cirone, Christopher Gade; juniors David Ortiz, Courtney Nash and Kim Osgood.

One member of the club, Michael McGee (President), has been involved in the club for four years, and is finally going to get his big debut in front of the lights and audi-

There is also another group of people involved, and that is the Tech Crew. The moderator is Joseph Marmaud. Without these people, the show couldn't go on. They build sets and work the lights and curtains.

These people don't get the applause at curtain calls, but remember: When you're applauding the cast, also ap-



Richard McManus smiles for the camera.

## Ford Student In Real Estate

by Gaetano Castellano

Did you know that we have a student here at Ford who has a real state licence and is currently selling houses? Josephine Halkias, a senior at Bishop Ford, has a professional licence as a real estate salesperson. For half a year she has been working with Amereal, Inc. Most of her time is spent showing people around houses and apartments. She would also like to own an apartment building in downtown Brooklyn some day.

Besides being a successful business women, she is also a manager at her father's

catering hall, Grand Prospect Hall. Every Sunday she teaches third graders at Holy Cross Church. Josephine has received a scholarship to Long Island University; she will be majoring in pre-law. She is also waiting for the results of her real estate appraisal

During her free time Josephine likes to go to operas, museums, and ballet performances. On most of her weekends, she enjoys her summer home in Montecello. She spends most of her time outdoors, doing such things as hiking, waterskiing, and sometimes watching people hunt.

#### Heather Bowen Glad To Be Here

by Joan Barrett

This issue of Highpoint features senior Heather Bowen. Heather feels it's very important to be involved in school activities. She is a three-year member of Ford's varsity basketball and tennis teams. She is also involved in the National Honor Society, Highpoint, Pagoda and the drama club. Along with this, Heather is one of the six presidential advisors this year.

Although she did not start off the Falcon's season because of a medical setback, Heather has high hopes for basketball team. She the

thinks the team is capable of a winning season.

Heather currently holds a part-time job as a waitress at Circle's Restaurant, while maintaining honors grades here at Ford. She lives close to Ford and attended IHM grammar school.

Ms. Bowen, having attended Kearney during her freshman year, commented, "I'm really happy that I transferred to Ford, otherwise I wouldn't have met all of the great friends I have now. A person can also become more independent in a school like Ford because of all the people and different opportunities it offers."

Bishop Ford's Annual Muscular Dystrophy Dance-athon will take place in our cafeteria on January 30 and 31, 1987.

Student Spotlight:

## Richard McManus

by Sophia Tampakis

This issue's Spotlight is on Richard McManus. In the past four years he has been able to maintain at least a 98 average while taking the most challenging courses Ford has to offer. These include calculus, physics and computer programming.

Richard is a member of the National Honor Society and Highpoint. He is also a chemistry lab technician and a presidential advisor. In addition to this, Richard has a part-time job at Mark's Aquarium and Pet World three days a week and is currently taking the driver education class. Despite his busy schedule, Richard still finds the time to play the drums and the saxaphone in his band, "East Coast."

Richard was recently featured in The Daily News, The Tablet, and The Home Reporter for having the highest grade point average of the junior class at Bishop Ford. When asked how he maintained his average, Richard replied, "I paid off all my teachers."

At the present time he is uncertain about his college plans, but he is seriously considering Polytechnical Institute, Cornell or Columbia. He intends to major either in engineering or computer science.

I'm sure Richard's intelligence and drive will make him just as successful in college as he is at Ford.

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Heather Bowen

## Ho! Ho! Ho!

by Edward Colgan

It's about that time of the year again, folks: the Annual Senior Faculty Christmas, Party approaches.

The party will take place on Friday, December 19 at Prospect Hall. It will last from 8 p.m. to 12 midnight. Featured at the party will be disc jockeys and a hot buffet din-

The cost is \$20 per person. Seniors are allowed to bring their dates. Casual dress is expected.

Senior activities coordinator Dr. DeFina says the Christmas party ". . . is like a miniprom, an informal gathering."

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#### Volleyball Team:

## "They've Really Come Through"

by Kathy Dolan

This year Bishop Ford's volleyball team had a very strong season with a record of ten wins and three losses. The team finished in second place in Brooklyn and went on to the Brooklyn-Queens playoffs. The team competed in both scrimmage and interscholastic matches, a total of 26 matches altogether. Practices started the first day of school and were held every day there wasn't a game. A normal practice starts with putting up the net, warm ups, and then five laps around the gym. Skills that were taught and practiced were bumping (passing), serving, setting, spiking and dunking. The team was taught the difference between offense (scoring) and defense (getting the ball back for the serve).

Mrs. Lesser, coach for three years, commented: "In my

three years, this team has been the hardest working and most improved. Through all ups and downs, they've really come through!"

This year's team consisted of four seniors, three juniors, and seven sophomores: Val St. Rose (Captain), Kathy Dolan (Captain), Maria Gnerre, Debbie Alexis, Margaret Killen, Gina Lynch, Joan Giorgio, Beth McGovern, Kelly Dolan, Tara McKool, Richela Fabian, Anna Markovinovic, Margaret Julo, and newcomer Tara Leary. The silent people who contributed to the team effort by giving up time to keep score and watch the linesthe managers—were Jill Basta, Nancy Cottingham, Gloria Bello and Cynthia Arbulu. The team would like to thank all of the fans who came to cheer them on. A special thanks to Eileen Daly, their number one

### Track Team On Top

by Eileen Cunningham

by Elleen Cummignan

We are the champions! Once again, Bishop Ford freshmen boys and girls have shown that they dominate the sport of cross-country in Brooklyn. The freshmen boys have become the Brooklyn champions for the twelfth consecutive year. The team was lead by Clarence Wesley, Chris O'Conner, David Daughtry, Mickey Dire, David Donna, and many other Ford Falcons. The freshmen boys also placed second in the Brooklyn-Queens championship and private school champs.

The lady Falcons also

showed that they are tough competition. They have become the Brooklyn champs for the second year in a row. The team was lead by freshmen Tricia Pinto, Stella Douglas, Nicki Englis, Lawrence Adamis, Tasha Howard, and other talented Falcons. They also finished second in Brooklyn-Queens and third in private school champs.

These two teams will be competing during the indoor season at the end of November and will be looking for new members. If anyone is interested, he should see Coach Vasquez of the business department.

## '86 World Series Will Never Be Forgotten

by Kathy Dolan

Where were you when the Mets won the world series?

This question will probably be asked for about ten years, and I'm sure every Met fan will know the answer. Those you who missed the series or don't like the Mets should come out of the You'll never know what it is like to unite with a million different people. People got frantic throughout the State of New York, screaming, honking horns and causing commotions. Some ask the question "Why?" The only answer is "the feeling." New York was brought together as one big family who hadn't seen each other in seventeen years. People who didn't like baseball and had watched the series were still enthusiastic and rooted the team on as if they had been Mets fans all their lives. A ticker-tape parade was held in Manhattan in honor of the victory. It brought two million people to Broadway, "the canyon of heroes." Many people left work, cut school,

and missed appointments, and all did it for the same unexplainable feeling. Was it worth getting squashed, not seeing anything and sweating? The answer to that is yes.

#### by Bart Benetatos

The City of Splendor, New York City, came to a halt, for everyone was excited by the celebration of the victory their heroes had brought to the Big Apple.

The Mets made us a family. The Mets turned us into a small town brimming over with love and affection. 2.2 million people shared the glory of being the town with such amazin' World Champions.

Keith Hernandez, first basemen and team leader, told the joyous people of New York that it was the fans who had really beaten Boston in the spell-binding world series.

All the way through the bad moments of the playoffs and the world series, the fans had faith that the Mets would prevail and their adversaires would be devastated.

## Inquiring Reporter

by Joan Scotto

What is your reaction to the New York Mets, and who is your favorite player on the team?

Sophia Tampakis (411)

"I knew they would win; however, I started having doubts when Boston was ahead. But, of course, they pulled through. My favorite player on the team is Ron Darling because he is gorgeous!"

Owen Moogan (408)

"I think they're great. Gary Carter is my favorite player because I think he's cool, and he is a great sportsman."

Kevin Cottingham (403)

"Even though the Mets are not my favorite team, I think they deserved to win. My favorite player is Lenny Dykstra because he plays all-out in every game."

Rob Canonica (402)

"I'm glad the Mets won because they still are a New York team. However, I don't have a favorite player on the team because I'm a Yankee fan."

Brian Nash (309)

"I, as a New Yorker, was very happy to see the Mets win the world series. It brought out a feeling of pride in all New Yorkers. But, we know who's going to win the world series next year: the Astros!"

Steve Adegbite (201)

"The Mets are the greatest team out there! The best, and my favorite player, is Keith Hernandez. He played one of the greatest games I've seen."

Miss Scavuzzo (Math Dept.)

"Yes!!! It was an excellent team effort. I'm looking forward to winning the world series in 1987 and 1988. Wally Bachman is my favorite player because he always comes through in a clinch."

#### Sportlight:

#### KATHY DOLAN

by Gaetano Castellano

Kathy Dolan, a senior at Bishop Ford, is a student who is involved in various activities which keep her very busy. She is the captain of the volleyball team, having been on the team for four years. She has also played softball for four years, has managed the girls' basketball team, and has been captain of the junior varsity cheerleaders. Kathy is not only involved in sports but also in many non-athletic activities, such as writing for Highpoint, participating in Ford-in-Action, Special Olym-



Kathy Dolan says "Cheese!"

pics, and the M.D.A. Super Dance for three years; she is also a senior leader and president of the National Honor Society. When she is out of school she likes to party like everybody else, and her friends can tell you that. She also works at a part-time job. Kathy, with other students, represented Bishop Ford at the Esopus Camp for special kids this summer. With all of this, Kathy has been able to keep a 90 average.

When asked "What are your future plans?" she replied: "I am thinking of going into a career in education." When asked "What are your hobbies?" she replied: "I go out with my friends to parties and hang out. I also like to travel and ski." When asked "What do you think about the teachshe told me, "The ers?" teachers here are very friendly and are willing to give up their free time to help students who need help." Kathy continued: "Being a student at Ford has taught me that if you get involved in what is going on around you, the friends you make and the things you do will probably be the best experiences a person can learn from."

## Students Support Sports

by Jim Coghlin

All high schools have athletic teams they hope will do well, but Bishop Ford seems to support their teams better. Many players ask members of other teams how the team is doing. Teams, such as soccer, volleyball, baseball and basketball, are interested in each other.

Not only do people active in competition act like this, many regular students inquire about sports. As I walk along the corridors, someone I hardly know (or don't know at all) will ask about a team. It is comforting to have these people behind you.

Another group that is playing an important part in sports activities at Ford is the faculty. Many members of the faculty go to games to give students encouragement. Knowing they have all this support, athletes can be confident in themselves and in their team.

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